

St. John School
Parish of Independence

Mission: To promote life-long learning and faith formation in the Catholic Christian tradition.

School Board Minutes

Thursday, September 6, 2018 6:00 pm – Library

Members: Father Beckman - Pastor, Trixie Reed -President, Amy Holle -V.P., Maggie McGarvey - Secretary, Joe Junk, Brad Kegler, Marnie Barnett and Suzanne Gorman

Excused Members: Brad Kegler and Marnie Barnett

6:00 Routine Business

- A. Call to order - Trixie
- B. Opening prayer/Faith Sharing - Father Dave
- C. Roll call/ Excused/unexcused – excused Brad Kegler and Marnie Barnett
- D. Approval of Agenda – Amy made a motion to approve agenda with addition to New Business:
 - I. Fall Festival. Suzanne seconded. (motion passed).
- E. Approval of minutes – Amy made a motion to approve minutes. Suzanne seconded. (motion passed).
- F. Budget – Amy made a motion to approve budget. Suzanne seconded. (motion passed).

6:08 Guests – no guests

6:08 Board In-service

Diocesan policy review (**8252 – 8400 Amy**): Overview of Structure and Relationships of Catholic School Boards, to be consistent with teachings of church, how to handle complaints, policies/bylaws, procedure of minutes/meeting.

6:12 Old Business

- A. Salary Scale
- B. New Day Care person approval – Amy made a motion to approve Krista Birchard as new DayCare person. Suzanne seconded. (motion passed).

7:21 New Business

- A. Enrollment – 8 Kindergarten, 4 kids Jr. K. Lost 3 students.
- B. Don Bosco H.S.
 - a. St. John's parish pick up the difference of the in-parish versus out of parish tuition? In parish tuition \$4125. Out of parish \$5390. This to be discussed at Parish Finance meeting.
- C. Advertising – CSW radio ads? To discuss at next meeting.
- D. Title II monies (\$3241) Professional Development
 - a. NCEA Convention April 23 – 25 – hoping to send 4 teachers with this money.
- E. STO update
 - a. Proposed reduction in Federal Tax Credit
 - b. At 80% of goal
- F. School Choice event
 - a. Sept.19, 7 – 8pm, Xavier H.S. in Cedar Rapids
- G. School Improvement Plan
 - a. Personal Approach (i.e. Baptismal communications), Preschool presence Jim to greet preschool kids/parents, Homecoming Parade. We need to focus on preschool. Board meeting to discuss ideas before next meeting.
- H. Dress Code – an exception, dress down days.
- I. Fall Festival – Board to donate basket using scrip cards. \$20 each.

7: 40 Reports-

- A. Principal's Report
 - a. Leaks in Library during heavy rain.

- b. Cameras in classrooms – Joe made a motion to spend up to \$1400 for 9 cameras. Suzanne seconded. (motion passed).
 - c. FAST Testing has begun.
 - d. Y-Camp was a success.
 - e. Lack of substitutes – Jim/Angie/Shelly filling in as subs as needed.
 - B. Parish Council – Marnie – nothing to report.
 - C. Finance – Trixie – Improving communication between parish/school.
 - D. PTO – Amy – Checking balance May 2108 \$50k, now \$17k....lunchroom floor, carpet, gym floor, \$8k to school. SF Chairs Lisa Junk and Kari Knutson.
 - E. Building and Grounds – Brad – nothing to report
 - F. SCRIP- Maggie - Total Sales Gross Profit for August 2018 \$1614.12 down from \$1928.49 in August 2017. YTD Total Sales gross profit 7/1/18 thru 8/31/18 \$3586.71 down from \$3637.48 7/1/17-8/31/17.
- Father Beckman to speak at weekend mass promoting scrip usage.

8:00 Adjourn – Joe made a motion to adjourn meeting. Amy seconded. (motion passed).

Next meeting: October 4, 2018 @ 6:00 In the Library
Policy In-service assignment (9520 – 9540 Suzanne)